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-CONTROL DATA LINKED TO U.S. PROBE OF FORMER CIA OPERATIVE

MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—CONTROL DATA CORP. SAID IT PAID A FEE EXCEEDING 50,000 DLRs BETWEEN 1976 AND 1978 TO A CONSULTING FIRM CONTROLLED BY EDWIN P. WILSON. WILSON, A FORMER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OPERATIVE, HAS BECOME THE CENTER OF A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INVOLVING ALLEGATIONS THAT HE SOLD EXPLOSIVES TO LIBYA, BRIBED U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CONDUCTED OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

CONTROL DATA SAID IT HAS PROVIDED RECORDS ON ITS DEALINGS WITH WILSON'S FIRM, CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL INC., TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, CONTROL DATA DENIED ANY WRONGDOING.

"WHAT WE BEEN AWARE OF BRIBES, A WIRE TAPPING OR OF ANY OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, WE WOULD HAVE REPORTED IT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES," SAID WILLIAM SCHAEFFER, A CONTROL DATA SPOKESMAN.

THE NEW YORK TIMES THIS WEEK REPORTED THAT THE COMPUTER MANUFACTURER HAD BEEN IMPLICATED IN THE INVESTIGATION BY TESTIMONY FROM A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF WILSON. ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, THE WILSON ASSOCIATE HAS TOLD INVESTIGATORS THAT CONTROL DATA'S MONEY WAS USED TO BRIBE A FORMER OFFICIAL OF THE ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO SAID INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN TOLD OF A PLAN TO WIRETAP THE OFFICES OF THE ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND TO GAIN INSIDE INFORMATION FOR CONTROL DATA.

CONTROL DATA, WHICH HAD NET INCOME OF 150.6 MILLION DLRs ON REVENUE OF 3.81 BILLION DLRs IN 1980, SAID IT DERIVES ABOUT 10 PC OF ITS INCOME FROM MILITARY CONTRACTS. IT MAKES ON-BOARD COMPUTERS FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT, LARGE SCALE COMPUTERS FOR CLASSIFIED APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

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